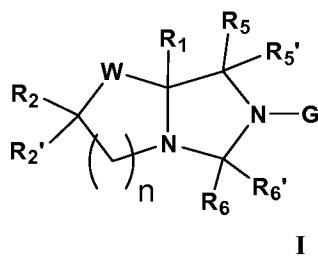


IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound or a prodrug ester or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a stereoisomer thereof according to formula I



wherein

R₁ is selected from hydrogen (H), ~~alkyl or substituted alkyl~~, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, CO₂R₄, CONR₄R₄' and CH₂OR₄;

R₂ and R₂' are each independently selected from hydrogen (H), alkyl, substituted alkyl, SR₃, halo, NHR₄, NHCOR₄, NHCO₂R₄, NHCONR₄R₄' and NHSO₂R₄;

and at least one of R₂ and R₂' is H or alkyl[,];

R₃ in each functional group is independently selected from hydrogen (H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, CHF₂, CF₃ and COR₄;

R₄ and R₄' in each functional group are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, and aryl or substituted aryl;

R₅ and R₅' are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl and arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, wherein at least one of R₅ and R₅' is hydrogen, or R₅ and R₅' taken together can form a double bond with oxygen (O), sulfur (S), NR₇ or CR₇R₇');

R₆ and R₆' are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, and arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, and aryl or substituted aryl, wherein at least one of R₆ and R₆' is hydrogen, or R₆ and R₆' taken together can form a double bond with oxygen (O), sulfur (S), NR₇ or CR₇R₇');

R_7 and R_7' in each functional group are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), OR_4 , alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, and aryl or substituted aryl and heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl;

G is an aryl group, wherein said group is mono- or polycyclic, and which is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from hydrogen, halo, CN, CF_3 , OR_4 , CO_2R_4 , NR_4R_4' , $CONR_4R_4'$, CH_2OR_4 , alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, and aryl or substituted aryl; and

W is selected from (CR_6R_6') , $C(R_6)OR_3$, or $C(R_6)(NR_4R_4')[,]:$

n is an integer of 1;

wherein the variables R_1 , R_2 , R_2' , R_4 , R_4' , R_5 , R_5' , R_6 , R_6' or W independently does not represent heteroaryl or heterocycle, the variables R_1 , R_2 , R_2' , R_4 , R_4' , R_5 , R_5' , R_6 , R_6' or W independently is not substituted with heteroaryl or heterocycle, the variable G does not represent heteroaryl or heterocycle, and the variable G is not substituted with heteroaryl or heterocycle;

with the following provisos:

(a) when R_5 and R_5' and/or R_6 and R_6' form a double bond with CR_7R_7' , when either R_7 or R_7' is OR_4 , R_4 is not hydrogen;

(b) excluding compounds where the following occur simultaneously:

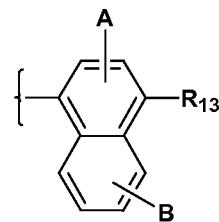
R_2 or R_2' are hydrogen, halo, $NHCOR_4$, $NHCO_2R_4$, $NHCONR_4R_4'$ or $NHSO_2R_4$;

R_5 and R_5' are hydrogen or form a double bond with oxygen or sulfur;

R_6 and R_6' are hydrogen, alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, wherein at least one of R_6 and R_6' is hydrogen, or R_6 and R_6' taken together form a double bond with oxygen (O), sulfur (S) or NR_7 ;

R_7 is hydrogen, alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, aryl or substituted aryl, or heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl; and

G has the following structure:



wherein

R₁₃ is selected from hydrogen (H), cyano (-CN), nitro (-NO₂), halo, heterocyclo, OR₁₄, CO₂R₁₅, CONHR₁₅, COR₁₅, S(O)_pR₁₅, SO₂NR₁₅R₁₅', NHCOR₁₅ and NHSO₂R₁₅;

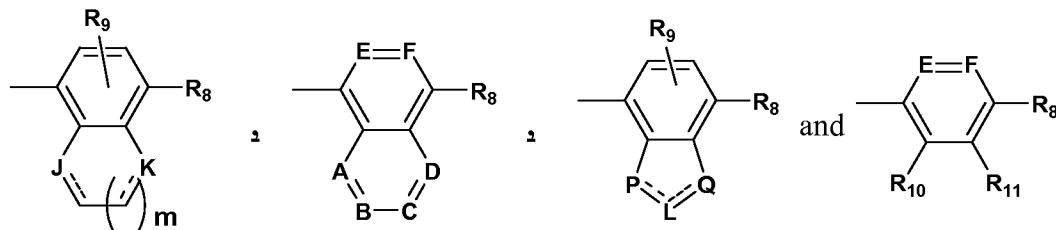
R₁₄ in each functional group is independently selected from hydrogen (H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, CHF₂, CF₃ and COR₁₅;

R₁₅ and R₁₅' in each functional group are each independently selected from hydrogen(H), alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl or substituted heterocycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, aryl or substituted aryl, heteroaryl or substituted heteroaryl and -CN;

A and B are each independently selected from hydrogen (H), halo, cyano(-CN), nitro(-NO₂), alkyl or substituted alkyl and OR₁₄; and

p is an integer from 0 to 2.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein G is selected from:



wherein

R₈, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ are each independently selected from hydrogen (H), NO₂, CN, CF₃, OR₄, CO₂R₄, NR₄R₄', CONR₄R₄', CH₂OR₄, alkyl or substituted alkyl, alkenyl or substituted alkenyl, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkyl, arylalkyl or substituted arylalkyl, and aryl or substituted aryl;

A to F is each independently selected from CR₉;

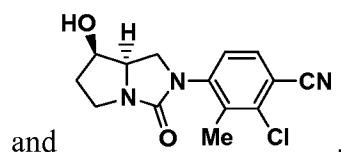
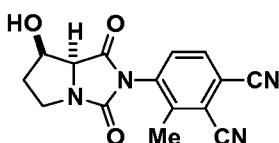
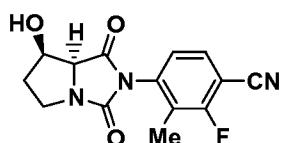
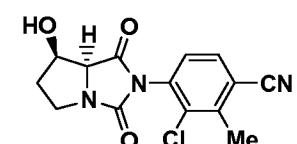
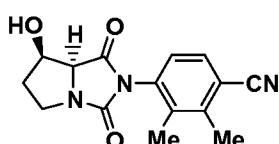
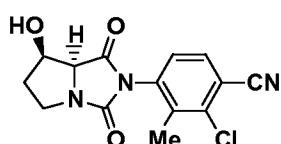
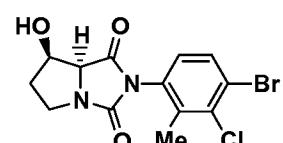
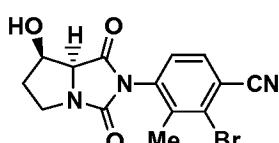
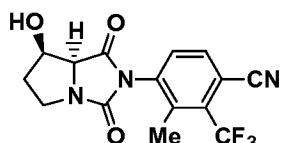
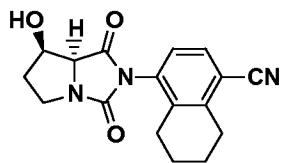
J, K, L, P and Q are each independently selected from CR₁₂R₁₂');

R_{12} and R_{12}' in each functional group are each independently selected from a bond or R_1 ; and m is an integer of 0 or 1.

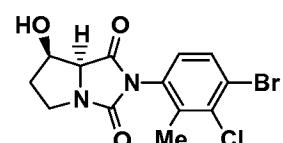
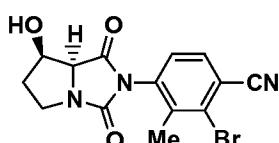
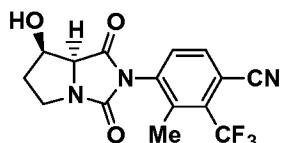
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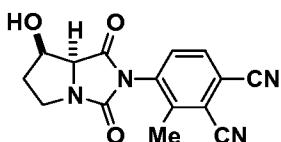
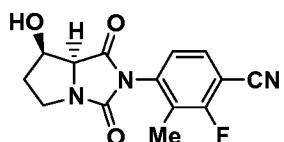
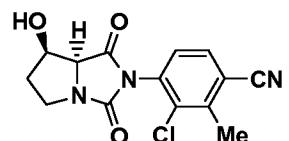
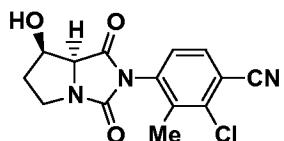
4. (Original) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R_8 is CN.

5. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 1 selected from:



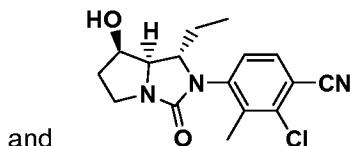
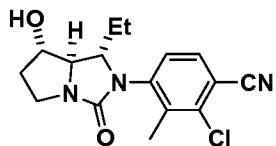
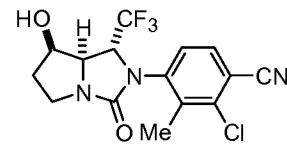
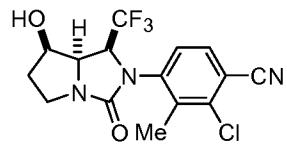
6. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 selected from:





and .

7. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 selected from:



8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

- (a) a compound according to claim 1; and
- (b) at least one pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Cancelled).

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